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## Cibolo Creek Watershed Study public scoping meetings to be held

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold two National Environmental Policy Act public scoping meetings for a potential multipurpose project consisting of ecosystem restoration, flood damage reduction, and recreation development within the Cibolo Creek Watershed.

Water agencies and governmental entities have joined with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a comprehensive study of the ecosystem in the Cibolo Creek Watershed including the potential to enhance the quality and quantity of water that recharges the Edwards/Trinity aquifer systems, while reducing the impact of floods within the cities of Selma and Schertz. The study will investigate the potential application of several ecosystem restoration Best Management Practices including brush management initiatives, development of buffer strips, prescribed grazing, and a variety of other water quality enhancements. The study is also investigating the placement of detention facilities in the watershed to facilitate recharge and flood reduction. The study will produce recommendations of individual projects or a combination of projects to improve environmental resources within the watershed. Non-Federal sponsors for the study are the San Antonio River Authority (SARA), San Antonio Water System (SAWS), and Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA). The United States Geological Survey and Natural Resources Conservation Service are also cooperating in the study.

The Corps will hold two public scoping meetings within the Cibolo Creek Watershed. The meetings will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on May 17 at the Cibolo Nature Center, 140 City Park, Boerne, TX, 78006, (830) 249-4616 and May 18 at the Garden Ridge Community Center, 21340 FM 3009, Garden Ridge, TX 78266, (210) 651-7440.

All affected federal, state, and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations are invited to provide scoping comments that should be considered during the remainder of the feasibility study. For more information contact Ed Foo, CESWF-PM-C, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 17300, 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, TX, 76102-0300, by phone at (817) 886-6442, or by email at edward.c.foo@swf02.usace.army.mil.